

PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH

SECRET

INTIMATIONS.
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.
ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1883.
SHAPEHOLDERS in the above Company
are requested to Furnish the Underaiged
with a list of their Contributions for the
Year ending 31st December last, in Order that
the DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROFITS
may be made. Contributions may be arranged
received for the Underaiged prior to the thirty-first
day of October next, will be adjusted by the
Company and no Claims or alterations will be
admitted after that date.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th August, 1884. (1353)

CANTON DISTRICT.
LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS
No. 15.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Chumats through the Torpedo positions will be marked on either side by red novars, to which will be attached **Flammarion** dunks which are to fly a red flag by day and exhibit two white lights. On one of the other, by day, to present these marks will be found at the 2nd Bur, and in Cambridge and Blenheim Reaches. Should these marks from any cause not be visible, vessels are warned that they should not proceed. Great caution should be exercised in passing the Barrier south of No. 3 Fleet Island, now in

plines or construction, as there are scattered pil-
lars; these may not be lighted.

C. H. PALMER,
Harbour Master.

Approved:
T. F. WOODRUFF,
Commissioner of Customs,
Custom House,
Canton, 13th August, 1884. [1883]

TAILORING GOODS.

J. A. CRAWFORD & CO.
Beg to announce that they have just received

a very large assortment of material in the newest patterns for the Autumn and Winter trade, and having now the assistance of three of the best London Outfitters, they are able to guarantee the prompt and satisfactory execution of orders.

All Clothes made will be equal in style and fit to those of the London West-end Tailors, and superior in general workmanship and finish.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Have the pleasure to submit the following greatly reduced prices, at which they are prepared to fulfil orders—

Dress

Diagonal Morning Coats and Vests	from \$85.
Fancy Angola Trousers	\$25.
Fancy Angola or Homespun Suits	\$ 7.
In great variety	\$25.
Fancy Angola Sacs & Trousers	\$14
Blue & White Sarge.	\$10
White and Coloured Flannel Coats	\$34
and Trousers	
Fancy Colored and Diagonal Over-Coats	\$25.
In all substances	
Ulfsters in Frock, Wither & Homespun	\$25
Sliding Pants and Breeches, in Cassi-	
mere and Cord	\$10
Flannel Pyjamas	4.50

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 16th August 1884. [32]
FOR HOIHOW AND PAKHOI
THE Steamship
"PING-ON"
Captain MacCall, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 17th instant,
at DAYLIGHT.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 16th August 1884. [131]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW AND FOOCOW.
The Company's Steamship
"NAMOA."
Captain G. D. Pittman, will be dispatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 18th instmt, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LA PRAT & Co.,
General Managers
Hongkong, 15th August, 1884. [1528]

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
 THE Steamship
 "GLENEARN."
 Leaves Dufferin, will be dispatched ~~on~~ above
 MONDAY, the 18th instant, at THREE P.M.
 For Freight or Passage apply to
 JARDINE, MATTHEWSON & Co.
 Hongkong, 15th August, 1884. [1529]

UNION LINE.
 FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.
 THE Steamship

"CELTIC MONARCH"
 Captain Brooks, will be despatched for the
 above Port on MONDAY, the 18th instant, at
 FOUR P.M.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 RUSSELL & Co. 1532
 Hongkong, 16th August, 1884.
 FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
 THE Steamship
 "MEEFOO."
 Captain Lunt, will be despatched for the above
 ports on MONDAY, the 18th instant, at
 FOUR P.M.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 RUSSELL & Co. 1532
 Hongkong, 16th August, 1884.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
 RUSSELL & Co.
 Hongkong, 13th August, 1884. 1867
 THE NETHERLANDS-INDIA STEAM NAVI-
 GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
 FOR BATAVIA, SAMARANG, AND
 SOERABAYA, VIA AMOY SAIGON,
 AND SINGAPORE.
 THE Company's Steamship
 "CELEBES."
 will be despatched for the above-Ports on or
 about the 22nd instant.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 RUSSELL & Co.
 Hongkong, 13th August, 1884. 1867

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
 Agents,
 Hongkong, 15th August, 1884. [1519]

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG,
 COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUZU,
 PORT SAID, AND TRIESTE.
 Shipping Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA,
 PERSIA, GULF PORTS, ONDSEA, and the
 MEDITERRANEAN PORTS;
 The Company's Steamship

"BERENICE"
 Main G. B. Varona, will be despatched as
 soon or about the 23rd instant, at NOON.
 For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 15th August, 1884. [1539]

MAIL EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with the
next American mail, left San Francisco on the
26th July, and is due here on or about the 24th
inst.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The D. D. R. steamer *Lydia* left Singapore at daylight on the 12th, and is due here on or about the 19th inst.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Bere-nice* left Singapore on the afternoon of the 14th, and may be expected to arrive here on the 21st inst.

M. F. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Manneville* left

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

385 large edition, p. 633 small edition. This is the only authorized complete Summary of Postal information published in Hongkong.

447 The authorised List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Swatow and Shanghai.—Per *Fuyew*, to-day, the 16th inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Adonea*, to-day, the 16th inst., at 2.30 P.M.

For Straits Settlements.—Per *Meefoo*, to-day, the 16th inst., at 4.30 P.M.

For Tientsin.—Per *Kung Pai*, to-day, the 16th inst., at 4.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet *Natal*, will
be despatched on **THURSDAY**, the 21st
inst., with M^{rs}. to the United Kingdom.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for unclaimed letters containing jewellery &c.

Unregistered Letters not being received, and where Registration has been neglected, will make no enquiries into alleged losses of such letters.

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES
PACKET.**

The United States Mail Packet *San Pablo* will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 22nd

inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c. which will be closed as follows:—
2.15 P.M., Registry ceases.
2.30 P.M., Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

**HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT
MAILS.**
THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The following hours are observed in closing
Mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet:—
Day of Departure.
Noon.—Money—Order Office closes.
2.00 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Post-
ing of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

3.00 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.
3.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with late fee
of 10 cents until
3.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.
3.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board
the packet with late fee of 10 cents, until
time of departure.

Day before Departure.
 3 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.
Day of Departure.
 7 A.M., Post Office opens.
 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.
 11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.

11.30 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely
11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents until time of departure.

Letters containing Stamps should be registered and the Stamps should be secured from

No responsibility can be accepted by the Post Office for erroneous replies to verbal enquiries or to notes addressed to subordinate officers. The shroffs told off to sell stamps should especially not be regarded as able to give correct information. The Postal Guide alone is the standard of all points on which such information may be had.

Persons who send Masters of Tea through the Port in Tins are requested to have them made flat or square instead of round, as it is impossible to pack round tins securely in the mail bags. It is believed that the tea will travel

When it is desired to forward letters to the United States by a sailing ship which is not no

tified as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to post the letters in the ordinary way, marked with the name of the ship, and prepaid 10 cents per half ounce as usual. The Post Office then undertakes the duty of obtaining notice of departure and despatching the correspondence. It is requested that the letters be posted if possible at least one day before the date fixed for sailing.

1.—Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Book Rates between Hongkong and any of the British Post Offices in China, as well as to Japan, Macao, Pakhoi, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions:—2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, weigh more than 5 lbs., nor be smaller than 3 in. by 2 in. by 2 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed if the

bear this special endorsement. *Parcel*, containing *no letter*, but any *parcel* may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General. In the Case of *Parcels* for India a declaration of contents and value is required, a printed form for which is supplied gratis. The Registration of *Parcels* for India and Ceylon is compulsory.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.

(1.) **Privates in H. M. Army or Navy, Non-commissioned Officers,* Bandmasters, Schoolmasters (not Superintending or First Class Writers, or School-mistresses may send half-ounce letters to the United Kingdom by the English Mail at the rate of two cents (one penny) each, or by the French Mail at the rate of four cents (two pence) each. The postage may be prepaid either in Imperial or in Hongkong**

(2.) To other places not beyond Great Britain (such as India, Malta, &c., the postage is 2 cents (one penny).

(3.) The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Private and Non-commissioned Officers named above.

(4.) The letters must not exceed half an ounce. No handkerchiefs, jewellery, &c., can be sent.

5.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his class and description must be stated in full on the letter the cover of which must be signed by the Commanding Officer, with name of regiment, ship, &c., in full. If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class and description with name of regiment, ship, &c., must be stated in full.

(6). Soldiers and Sailors have no privilege

* But not Warrant Officers, viz.—Conductor, Gunner, Boatwin, or Carpenter.

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